

ARTICLE 6. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Section 1370. Education Program.

(a) School Programs

The County Board of Education shall provide for the administration and operation of juvenile court schools in conjunction with the chief probation officer, or designee. The facility administrator shall request an annual certification from the superintendent of schools that the program complies with this regulation.

(b) Required Elements

The facility school program shall comply with the State Education Code and County Board of Education policies and provide for an annual evaluation of the educational program offerings. Minors shall be provided a quality educational program that includes instructional strategies designed to respond to the different learning styles and abilities of students.

(1) The course of study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (A) English/Language Arts;
- (B) Social Sciences;
- (C) Physical Education;
- (D) Science;
- (E) Health;
- (F) Mathematics;
- (G) Fine Arts/Foreign Language; and,
- (H) Electives (including career education).

(2) General Education Development (GED) preparation shall be provided for all eligible youth.

(3) The minimum school day shall be 240 minutes except for those pupils enrolled in approved vocational education programs.

(c) School Discipline

(1) The educational program shall be integrated into the facility's overall behavioral management plan and security system.

(2) School staff shall be consulted on administrative decisions made by probation staff that may affect the educational programming of students.

(3) Suspension from school shall follow the appropriate due process safeguards as set forth in the Education Code.

(d) Provisions for Individuals with Special Needs

(1) Educational instruction shall be provided to minors restricted to high security or other special units.

(2) State and federal laws shall be observed for individuals with special education needs.

(3) Non-English speaking minors, and those with limited English-speaking skills, shall be afforded an educational program.

(e) Educational Screening and Admission

- (1) Minors shall be interviewed after admittance and a written record prepared that documents a minor's educational history, including but not limited to:
 - (A) grades;
 - (B) credits;
 - (C) special needs; and,
 - (D) discipline problems.
- (2) Not later than three school days after admission to the facility the minor shall be enrolled in school; and the educational staff shall conduct an assessment to determine the minor's general academic functioning levels to enable placement in core curriculum courses.
- (3) After admission to the facility, a preliminary education plan shall be developed for each minor within five school days.
- (4) If a minor is detained, the education staff shall request the minor's transcript from his/her prior school. Upon receipt of the transcripts, the minor's educational plan shall be reviewed and modified as needed.

(f) Educational Reporting

- (1) The educational record of the minor shall be forwarded to the school district or educational program upon request by the school or parent.
- (2) The County Superintendent of Schools shall provide credit for course work completed while in juvenile court school and consult with public school districts to accept credit for course work.

(g) Social Awareness Program

Programs designed to promote social awareness and reduce recidivism shall be provided. Social Awareness Programs shall take into consideration the needs of male and female minors. Such programs may be provided under the direction of the County Board of Education or the chief probation officer and may include: victim awareness; conflict resolution; anger management; parenting skills; juvenile justice; self-esteem; building effective decision making skills; and, other topics that suit the needs of the minor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 210 and 885, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996. Reference: 1995-96 Budget Act, Chapter 303, Item Number 5430-001-001, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 904, Chapter 304, Statutes of 1995; and Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996.

Section 1371. Recreation and Exercise.

- (a) The facility administrator shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for recreation and exercise of minors.
- (b) Equivalent programming for both female and male minors shall exist for all recreation programs.
- (c) The recreation/exercise program shall include: a written daily schedule; access to approved reading materials; other programs such as television, radio, stereo, video and games. Activities shall be supervised and include orientation and coaching of minors.

- (d) Juvenile facilities shall provide the opportunity for recreation and exercise a minimum of three hours a day during the week and five hours a day each Saturday, Sunday or other non-school days. Such recreation and exercise schedule shall include the opportunity for at least one hour of outdoor physical activity each day, weather permitting. In the event weather does not permit outdoor physical activity, at least one hour each day of exercise involving large muscle activities shall be provided.
- (e) The administrator/manager may suspend, for a period not to exceed 24 hours, access to recreation. However, minors on disciplinary status shall continue to have an opportunity for a minimum of one hour of large muscle exercise. That one hour of exercise may be suspended only upon a written finding by the administrator/manager that the minor represents a threat to the safety and security of the facility.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 210 and 885, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996. Reference: 1995-96 Budget Act, Chapter 303, Item Number 5430-001-001, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 904, Chapter 304, Statutes of 1995; and Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996.

Section 1372. Religious Program.

The facility administrator shall provide access to religious services and/or religious counseling at least once each week. Attendance shall be voluntary. A minor shall be allowed to participate in other program activities if he/she elects not to participate in religious programs.

Religious programs shall provide for:

- (a) opportunity for religious services;
- (b) availability of clergy; and,
- (c) availability of religious diets.

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Section 1373. Work Program.

The facility administrator shall develop policies and procedures regarding the assignment of minors to work programs. Work assigned to a minor shall be meaningful, constructive and related to vocational training or increasing a minor's sense of responsibility.

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Section 1374. Visiting.

The facility administrator shall develop written policies and procedures for visiting, that include provisions for special visits. Minors shall be allowed to receive visits by parents, guardians or persons standing in loco parentis, at reasonable times, subject only to the limitations necessary to maintain order and security. Opportunity for visitation shall be a minimum of one visit totaling one hour per week. Visits may be supervised, but conversations shall not be monitored unless there is a security or safety need.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 210 and 885, Welfare and Institutions Code; Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996. Reference: 1995-96 Budget Act, Chapter 303, Item Number 5430-001-001, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 904, Chapter 304, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996.

Section 1375. Correspondence.

The facility administrator shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for correspondence which provide that:

- (a) there is no limitation on the volume of mail that minors may send or receive;
- (b) minors may send two letters per week postage free;
- (c) minors may correspond confidentially with state and federal courts, any member of the State Bar or holder of public office, and the State Board of Corrections; however, authorized facility staff may open and inspect such mail only to search for contraband and in the presence of the minor; and,
- (d) incoming and outgoing mail, other than that described in (c), may be read by staff only when there is reasonable cause to believe facility safety and security, public safety, or minor safety is jeopardized.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 210 and 885, Welfare and Institutions Code; Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996. Reference: 1995-96 Budget Act, Chapter 303, Item Number 5430-001-001, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 904, Chapter 304, Statutes of 1995; Assembly Bill 1397, Chapter 12, Statutes of 1996.

Section 1376. Telephone Access.

The administrator of each juvenile facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to provide minors with access to telephone communications.

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Section 1377. Access to Legal Services.

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures to ensure the right of minors to have access to the courts and legal services. Such access shall include:

- (a) access, upon request by the minor, to licensed attorneys;
- (b) provision for confidential consultation with attorneys; and,
- (c) unlimited postage free, legal correspondence.

Court holding facilities shall comply with the provisions of (a) and (b)

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